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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

INDRA PRAKASH

Application No.: 09/859,439

Filed: May 18, 2001

For: SYNTHESIS OF N-[N-(3,
3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-L-
 α -ASPARTYL]-L-
PHENYLALANINE 1-
METHYL ESTER USING
OXAZOLIDINONE
DERIVATIVES

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in the above-identified application,
please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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